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LABOR DEPARTMENT RESCHEDULES NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON WORK AND FAMILY LIFE

WASHINGTON -- The conference, Work and Family: Seeking a New Balance, has been rescheduled for March 30 and 31, 1987 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel here. The conference, which had originally been scheduled last April, is being sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor in cooperation with the AFL-CIO and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM).

Secretary of Labor William E. Brock will open the meeting with the keynote speech at 9 a.m., Monday, March 30.

Other distinguished speakers include Thomas R. Donahue, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO; Stanley C. Gault, chairman of the board of NAM; and Colleen Dewhurst, president of the Actor's Equity Association. Full program details will be included in a public announcement scheduled for release at a later date.

The two-day event will feature management and labor representatives, family experts, government officials and others who are concerned about the dramatic changes occurring in the labor force and the family.

Registration for the conference is $100. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Omni Shoreham, Washington, D.C. 20008, (202) 234-0700.

For information about the conference program, please contact Richard Shore, U.S. Department of Labor, (202) 357-0473. For registration information, please contact Patricia Presley on (310) 777-8701.

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REAL EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1986

WASHINGTON -- Real average weekly earnings increased 0.5 percent from July to August after seasonal adjustment, according to preliminary data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

This increase stemmed from a 0.5 percent increase in average hourly earnings and a 0.3 percent increase in average weekly hours, which was partially offset by a 0.2 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

Data on average weekly earnings are collected from the payroll reports of private nonfarm establishments. Earnings of both full-time and part-time workers holding production or nonsupervisory jobs are included. Real average weekly earnings are calculated by adjusting earnings in current dollars for changes in the CPI-W.

Average weekly earnings increased by 1.7 percent between August of 1985 and 1986 as a result of a 2.0 percent increase in average hourly earnings, which was partially offset by a 0.3 percent decrease in average weekly hours. After adjustment for a 1.2 percent increase in the CPI-W over the same period, real average weekly earnings increased 0.5 percent. Before adjustment for seasonal change and deflation by the CPI-W, average weekly earnings were $305.02 in August 1986, compared with $299.90 a year earlier.

The Hourly Earnings Index (HEI) in dollars of constant purchasing power was unchanged between July and August. Compared with a year earlier, the HEI increased by 1.0 percent. (See tables 1 and 2.) The HEI excludes the effects of two types of changes unrelated to underlying wage rate movements--fluctuations in overtime in manufacturing and interindustry employment shifts.

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About 28 percent of all women workers in nonagricultural industries held part-time jobs (less than 35 hours a week) in 1985, according to a fact sheet on working women published by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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In 1985 more than 66 percent of all part-time workers were women, according to a fact sheet on working women published by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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About 51 million women 16 years of age and over were working or looking for work in 1985. Ten years earlier about 37 million women were in the civilian labor force, according to a fact sheet on working women published by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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